

2025 Denver Shootout™ Boys Format and Rules

Rosters

All teams must submit a roster prior to the start of the tournament. If a roster is not submitted before the start of the tournament the team will be ineligible to participate. All players must be registered to participate.

Denver Shootout™ Staff will be conducting roster checks at the tournament director's discretion throughout the duration of the weekend.

Players can only play for one team during the tournament. Double rostering is not allowed. Players can always play up in the division but not down unless preapproved by the tournament director.

Any violation of the tournament roster rules will result in forfeiture of any games in which the ineligible player participated and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

Game Guarantee

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of five games over the course of three days.

Game Duration

- Due to the expected heat, we will be implementing quarters for DSO 2025.
- Games will be scheduled in 50-minute time blocks, four 10-minute running time quarters, 2-minute halftime, 1-minute between quarters. 6-minutes between games.
- 1-30 second running timeout per game, penalty time will stop during timeouts.
- Penalties will be time and a half, running time.
- No timeouts can be called in the last 2 minutes of a game.
- In the case of a tie, a sudden victory OT period will be played until a victor emerges. An unused timeout in regulation play cannot be carried over into OT, no additional timeouts in OT.

Rules Overview

- 20 seconds to clear across the midline, under/after 20 seconds ball cannot cross midline or backcourt.
- No "Touch" in the restraining box required.
- No Shot Clock
- No Crease Diving
- No defense shaft length regulation
- All age groups can substitute on the fly.
- Face-offs: A standing neutral grip is required
- No zone defense during even strength play
- There is no "Keep it in Rule"

- In the final two minutes of bracket play games, the officials will stop the clock after goals, penalties, and injuries, unless one team leads by 4+ goals and then there will be no stoppage of the clock.
- Teams that do not complete all scheduled games will forfeit their invitation to 2026 Denver Shootout
- Any player, fan or coach ejected from the game will be prohibited from competing/viewing in the team's next game. Decisions on the field will be the final ruling. Any fighting or flagrant disrespect toward an official will result in expulsion for the remainder of the tournament. No Exceptions, No Refunds.

Seeding

There will be pool play and bracket play, how well a team does in pool play will determine their seeding for bracket play. Seeding ties are broken in the following way:

1. Record in pool play
2. Head-to-head*
3. Goals against- (Among common opponents if applicable)
4. Goal differential- (Among common opponents if applicable)
5. Coin flip

*In the case of a three way tie the seeding tie will be broken by goals against (common opponents if applicable)- NOT head-to-head, after the three-way tie is broken, remaining teams revert back to head-to-head.

In the case that a team forfeits a game, the score will be recorded as a 0-6 loss for that team.

Seeding will be done across the entire division, not in individual pools. The top 4 teams in each division will move on to the championship bracket, the remaining teams will compete in consolation brackets.

Player Eligibility

- Each team must be placed in the age bracket of the oldest players on their team (unless preapproved by the tournament director)
- Please see the age breakdown guide below:

Graduation Year	Grade
2026	Rising Senior (12th Grade)
2027	Rising Junior (11th Grade)
2028	Rising Sophomore (10th Grade)
2029	Rising Freshman (9th Grade)
2030	Rising 8th Grader
2031	Rising 7th Grader
2032	Rising 6th Grader
2033	Rising 5th Grader
2034	Rising 4th Grader

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